

Appln No. 10/659,559

Reply to Office action of February 13, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Attached hereto is a Substitute Specification which has been captioned "Substitute Specification." Also attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification for the current amendment as reflected in the attached Substitute Specification, which has been captioned "Compare Version."

The Office action dated February 13, 2004 has been reviewed and the comments therein carefully considered. In the Office action, a number of questions and issues were raised with respect to the description of the new variety.

In response to the Office action, Applicant submits herein and attaches hereto a Substitute Specification, believed to address all of the issues and questions set forth in the Office Action and to clarify the description of the new variety.

Also attached hereto are Replacement Pages for Figures 1 and 2, identical to original Figures 1 and 2 except that the images have been scanned onto 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper and are no longer mounted.

Finally, Applicants enclose a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 4, 2003, and respectfully request acknowledgement of the documents cited therein.

In view of the forgoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and allowance is earnestly solicited. If any questions remain regarding the allowability of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Although Applicants believe that no fee is due at this time, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Replacement Pages for Figures 1 and 2
Substitute Specification - marked-up copy
Substitute Specification - clean copy
IDS filed December 4, 2003

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